

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2011, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 14, 2011. Applicants request entry and consideration of the above noted amendments and the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

Claims 1-9 and 12-27 are currently pending in the application. Claims 14 and 25-27 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of allowable claim 14. Claim 15 has been amended to correctly claim dependency from claim 1.

Claim Objections/Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has objected to claims 12-17 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitation of claim 14. The remaining claims are therefore dependent upon an allowable claim. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection and allowance of the claims.

Claim Rejections

35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

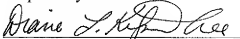
Claims 1, 3-7, and 18-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Meredith et al. (U.S. 3,538,191). Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 18, and 20-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shoji et al. (U.S. 4,000,220). Claims 1, 3-9, and 21-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nagata et al. (JP 60-208314).

Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitation of allowable claim 14. Applicants have canceled claims 25-27. All remaining claims are dependent from claim 1. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of the claims.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

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Respectfully submitted,



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